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SUBJECT: ASSEMBLY WINDS UP SESSION

REFS: (A) LISBON 5923 (DTG 301147Z JUL 77),

(B) LISBON 5924 (DTG 301235Z JUL 77)

SUMMARY: THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CONCLUDED ITS FIRST SESSION AUG 10 BY GIVING FINAL APPROVAL TO THE MEASURE ON COMPENSATION FOR NATIONALIZED PROPERTIES AND THE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW. IN ITS FIRST LEGISLATIVE SESSION, THE ASSEMBLY PASSED MEASURES WHICH WENT FOR TOWARD DEFINING GROUND RULES FOR THE ECONOMY, LABOR, AND AGRICULTURE. END SUMMARY.

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1. ASSEMBLY WINDS UP: THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN SPECIAL SESSION AUG 9 AND 10 GAVE FINAL APPROVAL TO THE COMPENSATION AND AGRARIAN REFORM LAWS (REFS A AND B). IN A REPEAT OF THE VOTES ON THE FIRST READING, THE PS AND INDEPENDENT DEPUTY GALVAO DE MELO VOTED FOR THE MEASURE ON COMPENSATION FOR NATIONALIZED PROPERTIES, THE PSD

ABSTAINED; AND THE CDS, PCP, UDP, AND INDEPENDENT DEPUTY AIRES RODRIGUES VOTED AGAINST. THE PS AND PSD VOTED FOR THE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW; THE CDS, PCP, UDP, AND INDEPENDENT DEPUTY AIRES RODRIGUES VOTED AGAINST. THE PS, PSD, AND CDS VOTED FINAL APPROVAL OF THE RURAL RENTAL LAW OVER PCP AND UDP NEGATIVE VOTES. FOLLOWING THESE KEY VOTES THE ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED UNTIL OCT 15.

2. FINAL SCORECARD: THE STATUS OF KEY GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOLLOWS:

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	PLENARY			
	WAITING			
	APPROVED	VOTE ON	ASSEMBLY	
	IN COM-	BY COMMIT-	SPECIFIC	ACTION
	MITTEE	TEE	ARTICLES	COMPLETED
DISMISSAL				
FOR CAUSE	X	X	X	JUN 2
UNION DUES	X	X	X	JUL 1
WORKER				
CONTROL	X	X	X	JUL 27
COMPENSATION				
MEASURE	X	X	X	AUG 9
AGRARIAN				
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REFORM LAW	X	X	X	AUG10
MEDIUM-TERM				
PLAN	JUL 13\$	-	-	-
STRIKE LAW	X	X	X	JUL 7
\$ DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT SESSION.				

3. COMPROMISES NAILED DOWN: THE GOVERNMENT MADE THE DETAILED CHANGES IT HAD AGREED TO IN THE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW TO GAIN PSD APPROVAL. THE PS AND PSD ALSO COOPERATED TO PASS A COMPROMISE VERSION OF THE PSD-SPONSORED RURAL RENTAL LAW. SEVERAL CHANGES WERE MADE IN THE COMPENSATION MEASURE TO ACCOMMODATE PSD DEMANDS, BUT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS STATED THAT THEY LACKED SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO VOTE IN FAVOR.

4. COMMENT: THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ASSEMBLY WORKED LONG AND HARD TO COMPLETE ACTION OF MAJOR LEGISLATION IN THE FACE OF COMMUNIST PRESSURE AND DELAYING TACTICS. THE ABOVE LEGISLATION, ALONG WITH THE LAW DEFINING THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS PASSED MAY 5 GOES FAR TOWARD DEFINING THE GROUND RULES ON THE ECONOMY, LABOR AND AGRICULTURE.

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